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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising a separable fastening system, wherein the separable fastening system comprises:

a loop component including a loop backing and a plurality of loops protruding from it, with a first portion of the loop backing and a second portion of the loop backing attached to one another to form a cavity, wherein at least a part of the first portion of the loop backing can be lifted and folded back by at least about 90 degrees; and

a hook component including a hook backing and a plurality of hooks protruding from it, wherein a portion of the hook component fits into the cavity of the loop component;

wherein the disposable absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a diaper, a training pant, a feminine hygiene product, a swimwear garment, and a medical garment.

2. (Previously Presented) The fastening system of Claim 1, wherein the cavity is formed by the first portion of the loop backing folded over and attached to the second portion of the loop backing.

3. (Previously Presented) The fastening system of Claim 1, wherein the first portion of the loop backing comprises a first piece of loop backing and the second portion of the loop backing comprises a second piece of loop backing, and the cavity is formed by the first piece of loop backing attached to the second piece of loop backing along more than one edge of each of the first and second pieces of loop backing.

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4. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 1, wherein at least some of the plurality of loops are located within the cavity.

5. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 1, wherein the hook backing is folded such that a first portion of the hook backing is folded over a second portion of the hook backing.

6. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 1, wherein a portion of the loop backing can be lifted and folded back by about 180 degrees.

Claims 7-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising a separable fastening system, wherein the separable fastening system comprises:

a hook component including a hook backing and a plurality of hooks protruding from it, with a first portion of the hook backing and a second portion of the hook backing attached to one another to form a cavity, wherein at least a part of the first portion of the hook backing can be lifted and folded back by at least about 90 degrees; and

a loop component including a loop backing and a plurality of loops protruding from it, wherein a portion of the loop component fits into the cavity of the hook component;

wherein the disposable absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a diaper, a training pant, a feminine hygiene product, a swimwear garment, and a medical garment.

15. (Previously Presented) The fastening system of Claim 14, wherein the cavity is formed by the first portion of the hook backing folded over and attached to the second portion of the hook backing.

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16. (Previously Presented) The fastening system of Claim 14, wherein the first portion of the hook backing comprises a first piece of hook backing and the second portion of the hook backing comprises a second piece of hook backing, and the cavity is formed by the first piece of hook backing attached to the second piece of hook backing along more than one edge of each of the first and second pieces of hook backing.

17. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 14, wherein at least some of the plurality of hooks are located within the cavity.

18. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 14, wherein the loop backing is folded such that a first portion of the loop backing is folded over a second portion of the loop backing.

19. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 14, wherein a portion of the hook backing can be lifted and folded back by about 180 degrees.

Claims 20-26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A disposable absorbent article comprising a separable fastening system, wherein the separable fastening system comprises:

a first component including a first portion and a second portion attached to one another to form a cavity therebetween, wherein at least a part of the first portion of the first component can be lifted and folded back by at least about 90 degrees; and

a second component including a flat portion that fits into the cavity of the first component, wherein a first surface of the flat portion and the first portion of the first component can be releasably engaged to one another;

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wherein the disposable absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a diaper, a training pant, a feminine hygiene product, a swimwear garment, and a medical garment.

28. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the first portion of the first component comprises a loop backing and a plurality of loops extending from it, and the first surface of the flat portion of the second component comprises a hook backing and a plurality of hooks extending from it.

29. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the second portion of the first component comprises a loop backing and a plurality of loops extending from it, and a second surface of the flat portion of the second component comprises a hook backing and a plurality of hooks extending from it.

30. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the first portion of the first component comprises a hook backing and a plurality of hooks extending from it, and the first surface of the flat portion of the second component comprises a loop backing and a plurality of loops extending from it.

31. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the second portion of the first component comprises a hook backing and a plurality of hooks extending from it, and a second surface of the flat portion of the second component comprises a loop backing and a plurality of loops extending from it.

32. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the first portion of the first component can be lifted and folded back by about 180 degrees.

33. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the cavity is defined by an angle of about 1 degree to about 45 degrees between the first and second portions of the first component.

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34. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the cavity is defined by an angle of about 1 degree to about 30 degrees between the first and second portions of the first component.

35. (Original) The fastening system of Claim 27, wherein the cavity is defined by an angle of about 1 degree to about 20 degrees between the first and second portions of the first component.

Claims 36-44 (Canceled)